

COASTAL COMMAND.

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We hear a lot about the Coastal Command; this is the section of the Royal Air Force that patrols the shores and seas around Britain to nip in the bud any ideas that may be sprouting in the enemy camp. They carry a convincing argument with the ~~m~~ the ~~mark~~ only sort of argument a Nazi understands ~~mark~~

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Parachutes are examined every two weeks; every square foot is checked over, every cord is tested. The chutes are hung up for 48 hours to take out the creases and then repacked ~~mark~~

Weather information is a vital need to all pilots.... none more so than the coastal command. In the course of a patrol many hours long, they may encounter all four seasons, ~~mark~~. So experts warn them beforehand ~~mark~~

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The squadron is nearly ready to start out. Last instructions are given by the EXCO C.O. ~~mark~~ Crews go aboard for the long patrol. It isn't always exciting work.... often it is just routine watching and reporting. But it's work that is vital and it must be carried out with unflagging keenness and energy --- and that's just the way they do it. ~~mark~~ Air gunner tests his rude reply to Nazi fighters --- and they're all set to go ~~mark~~

For many reasons it may be necessary to get a message back to headquarters without using wireless --- the R.A.F. makes use of pigeons for that purpose ~~mark~~. The pigeon may report a new concentration of barges at an invasion port, or a German convoy on the move --- or a mass of raiders heading for London. Whatever it is, the Coastal Command takes care of it... Britain's sky sentinels

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